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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING  
FULLLENGTH GENOME OF HUMAN  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS, RECOMBINANT  
FULLLENGTH VIRUS GENOME-  
REPLICATING CELLS HAVING THE NUCLEIC  
ACID CONSTRUCT TRANSFERRED  
THEREINTO AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS PARTICLE

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Examiner: Z. Lucas

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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July 22, 2009

Madam:

In further response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009, a response having been timely filed on July 1, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.